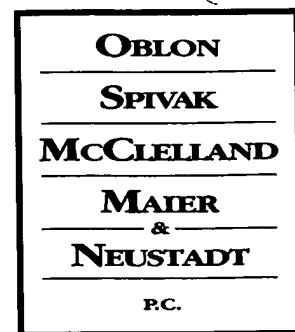




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/665,745
Applicants: Hiroyuki MATSUSHIMA
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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTING A
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AND COMMUNICATION SERVER FOR
EXCHANGING OPERATION REQUESTS AND
OPERATION RESPONSES
Group Art Unit: 2112
Examiner: NAUROT TON, J.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Restriction Response

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed January 23, 2007, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, Claims 9-21, 27-42, 49-63, 69, 70-84, and 91, for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully traverses the outstanding Restriction

Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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